

# **Lancaster County Weed Control Authority**

## **2003 Noxious Weed Control Plan**

### **Objective 1 B Prevention**

#### **Prevent the development of new weed problems by:**

- A.** Detection of new occurrences of noxious weeds or plant species with noxious weed potential - Sericea lespedeza, Johnsongrass, and Spotted and Diffuse Knapweeds.
  - Train inspectors to identify and monitor presence of these weeds.
  - Alert and encourage others to report any findings of these weeds.
  - Seek assistance when needed in identification of newly found aggressive weeds.
- B.** Respond to new outbreaks of noxious weeds or potential noxious weeds.
  - Inform and encourage landowner to provide control.
  - Utilize existing procedures with noxious weeds.
  - Report to Nebraska Department of Agriculture and seek assistance in responding to potential noxious weeds.
- C.** Implementing plans to control the spread of noxious weeds to new sites.
  - Use of article inspection and quarantines as needed to control dissemination.
  - Provide weed free forage inspections.
  - Publicize the benefits of dissemination control and the availability of article and forage inspection.

### **Objective 2 B Management**

#### **Provide for ongoing management of noxious weeds by making 7,250 inspections of 3,300 sites.:**

- A.** Carry out 1,750 inspections of 700 musk thistle sites in the spring-summer season

- Prepare 693 advance work orders on sites that are deemed to require inspection and notification to obtain control.
- Make inspections of Union Pacific and BNSF railroads and prepare map for contractors.
- Make inspections of the Bluff Road and 48<sup>th</sup> Street landfills and prepare map for control contract.
- Make inspections on all complaints and all observed infestations.
- Make an end of the season drive of the 1400 miles of county roads to observe undetected infestations on roadsides and adjacent properties.
- Issue 10 day-legal notices on 20% of the infestations.
- Make control requests on 80% of the infestations.
- Force control on less than 5% of the sites.
- B.** Carry out 800 inspections of 400 Leafy spurge infestations.
  - Make spring and fall inspections of the 200 county roadside leafy spurge infestations and contract for control.
  - Monitor the two biological insectaries and make redistribution to new sites.
- C.** Carry out 500 inspections of 200 Problem musk thistle infestations in the fall
  - Make inspections of the Bluff Road and 48<sup>th</sup> Street landfills and prepares map for control contract.
  - Landowner control over 50% of the infestations.
- D.** Carry out 200 inspections of 100 Purple loosestrife infestations
  - Inspect and make personal contacts of owners of all previously found sites with wild plants.
  - Inspect all previously found ornamental plants that have not been removed.
  - Inspect sites as a result of observation and complaints.

E. Carry out 4,000 inspections on 1,900 sites for violations of City Weed Abatement Program.

- Obtain over 93% voluntary compliance.
- Make 40% of cutting and removal requests by other than legal notice.
- Force cutting on 5% of sites.

### **Objective 3 B Awareness**

**Education of the public concerning noxious weeds by:**

- A. Weed Awareness Special insert to the February Lancaster County Cooperative Extension Service Nebline with a circulation of about 9,000.
- B. Maintaining and updating Internet Homepage at [www.ci.lincoln.ne.us/cnty/weeds](http://www.ci.lincoln.ne.us/cnty/weeds) with over 37,000 hits in 2001.

### **Noxious Weed Enforcement**

1. Take action on all uncontrolled infestations
2. Notification by other than legal notices to those with good control history or trace infestations.
  - a. Make informal contact with those that have a good control program.
  - b. Send reminder letters to those that have a good control history and those that can not be reached with an informal contact.
  - c. Send a card to those that have only a trace infestation.
1. Issue individual 10-day notices to all other landowners
  - a. Send copies of letters and notices to tenants with return card to report control taken.

- 2002 noxious weed locations
- Current Weed Violation Search
- New Weeds Alert

C. Special mailings to

- Pre-season letters to multiple violators
- leafy spurge owners about fall control
- Owners of problem infestations - 300
- Homeowner associations - 48
- Public land managers - 20
- Adopt-a-Clean Road volunteers - 50

D. Prepare and display exhibit

- Lobby of County Cooperative Extension Service Conference Center
- Nebraska State Fair

- b. Send copies of letters and notices to real estate agents on property with for-sale signs.
  - c. Make follow-up inspections and send follow-up control card if control is not complete.
  - d. Arranges for contracted forced control if landowner compliance is not obtained.
  - e. Conducts final inspection to assure that contracted forced control is completed.
  - f. Complete final disposition reports.
4. Carry out fall inspections of problem musk thistle infestations and leafy spurge and all Canada thistle infestations.

# Public Lands and Railroads Contact List

## I Public Lands

### A. City of Lincoln-

#### 1. Airport Authority

John Wood, Director  
Bob McNalley, Operations  
P. O. Box 80407  
Lincoln, NE 68501  
474-2770

#### 2. City-County Building Comm

Don Killeen, Property Mgr.  
129 North 10th St., Rm 107  
Lincoln, NE 68508  
441-7355

#### 3. Lincoln Electric System

Ken Rittgan or Dick Scaggs  
2620 Fairfield St  
Lincoln, NE 68521  
467-7671

#### 4. Parks and Recreation

Jerry Shorney, Supt. Of Parks/Op  
2740 A Street  
Lincoln, NE 68502  
441-8259

#### 5. Public Works & Utilities

##### a. Maintenance

Bill Nass, Maintenance  
Cordr  
901 North 6th Street  
Lincoln, NE 68508  
441-7701

##### b. Sanitary Landfill

Steve Owens,  
Superintendent  
2400 Theresa Street  
Lincoln, NE 68502  
441-7867

##### c. Wastewater

(1) Northeast Treatment Plant &  
injection farm  
Steve Crisler, Asst. Supt.  
Mntnnc  
7000 N 70th Street  
Lincoln, NE 68507  
441-7840

(2) Theresa St Treatment Plant

Bill Ebers, Asst. Supt.  
Maintenance  
2400 Theresa Street  
Lincoln, NE 68502  
441-7966

### B. County-

## 1. Engineer

Robert Jacobs  
444 Cherrycreek Rd., Bldg B  
Lincoln, NE 68528  
441-7797

## C. State of Nebraska-

### 1. Air National Guard

Major Bob Yager  
2420 West Butler Ave  
Air National Guard  
Lincoln NE 68524-1897  
458-1502 or 458-1504

### 2. Army National Guard

Lt. Col. Dave Petersen  
Facility Management Office  
Nebraska Military Department  
1300 Military Road  
Lincoln NE 68508-1090  
471-7101

### 3. Education Lands & Funds

Robert Schwartzkopf  
PO Box 76  
Rockville, NE 68871  
(308) 372-3223  
FAX (308) 372-3224

### 4. UNL Landscape Services

#### a. UNL East Campus

PO Box 830828  
1340 N 17TH ST  
Lincoln, NE 68583-0828  
472-9188

#### b. Agronomy Farm Ag Campus & 84th & Havelock

Dept. of Agronomy 279 Plant  
Science  
University of Nebraska 68583-  
L. Bruce Meyer 472-2579

### 5. Department of Roads

Jannie Vertiska, Mnt Supt  
302 Superior St  
Lincoln NE 68521  
499-1245

#### a. North of O Street

Jack Haeffner 471-0850

#### b. South of O street

Ray Beeman 479-4391

#### c. Property Management

Frank Blankenau 479-4770

## 6. Department of Corrections

### a. Community Correctional

**Center**

Manny Sanchez  
PO Box 2200  
2720 West VanDorn  
Lincoln, NE 68542  
471-0740

**b. Lincoln Correctional Center**

Rod Anderson/Dennis  
Sanford  
3210 West VanDorn  
Lincoln, NE  
471-2861 Ext. 6138 or  
6173

**c. Nebraska State Penitentiary**

Frank Hopkins, Warden  
PO Box 2500 STA B  
Lincoln NE 68502-0800

**7. Game & Parks Comm**

Patrick D. Molini  
Rt. 1 Box 61A  
Raymond, NE 68428  
783-3404  
Jeff Hoffman  
PO Box 30370  
Lincoln NE 68503  
471-5415

**D. Federal**

**1. Farm Service Agency**

Gregory D. Chewakin, CED  
6030 S. 58th St. Suite A  
Lincoln, NE 68516  
423-9683

**2. Natural Resource Conservation Service**

Dennis Schroeder  
6030 S. 58th Street, Suite C  
Lincoln, NE 68516  
423-0800

**E. Other**

**1. Lower Platte South NRD**

Jeff Hegy or Rich Wagner  
PO Box 83581  
Lincoln NE 68501  
476-2729

**2. NE Public Power Dist**

Bob McPhillips  
465-6990  
Ken Ellis  
465-6983  
5800 Fletcher  
Lincoln NE 68507

816-245-2784  
Jim Rouark  
1412 Dodge St, MC 3300  
Omaha, NE 68179  
402/280-7563

**1. Registered Agent**

J. B. Dolan  
Room 800 1416 Dodge St  
Omaha, NE 681179

**2. Contractor**

Chem-Trol Inc  
Darrel Odle  
PO Box 2343  
411 S 42<sup>nd</sup> ST  
Kansas City, KS 66110  
913-342-3006

**3. Mowing Contact**

Bill Held  
402-271-4619  
Cell 402-271-4619  
M & A Mowing

**B. Burlington Northern**

CT Corporation System  
206 S 13<sup>th</sup> ST Suite 1500  
Lincoln, NE 68508  
Gary Nyberg  
4200 Deen Road  
Fort Worth, Texas 76106-3099  
817/740-2644  
Bill Seger, District 458-7724

**1. Roadmasters:**

- a. BN1  
Gary Oldenbach  
801 West O Street  
Lincoln, NE 68528  
458-7538
- b. BN5
- c. BN3
- d. BN2
- e. BN4
- f. Cliff Lindholm, mower operator  
458-7592

**2. Contractor**

RightAWay Applicators, Inc  
RR 2, Box 32A  
Cooperstown, ND 58425  
Office (701) 797-3322  
Shop (701) 797-3342

**II Railroads**

**A. Union Pacific**

Dennis Bowen  
Kansas City, MO

### Supporting Data

1. How many total hours does the control authority anticipate will be dedicated to the county noxious weed program? For the coming year? (Hours per quarter)

<u>420</u>	January - March
<u>420</u>	April - June
<u>420</u>	July - September
<u>420</u>	October - December

2. The estimated acres of noxious weeds decreased by 3,548 acres in the county in the past year. This decrease is attributed to the weather conditions that were good for germination of musk thistle and contributed a large population of musk thistle that acted as annuals flowering in late June and early July.
3. The Superintendent is authorized to issue legal notices to landowners as necessary to accomplish noxious weed control.

Submitted, reviewed, and approved by the county noxious weed control authority at a regular board meeting

Dated January 14, 2003

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Date

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County Weed Superintendent

January 14, 2003  
Date

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Control Authority Chairperson

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